



National Marine Fisheries Service

**Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
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The 2000 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2000, and ends May 31, 2001.

As of February 28, 2001, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** 2,066,432 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 98% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 48,882 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- S** 832,252 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 39% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 1,283,062 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.
- S** 12,280 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 2.0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 649,100 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2001.

As of February 28, 2001, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** 2,945 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0.01% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 634,184 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.